

REMARKS

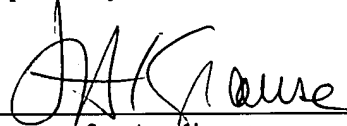
In the above-identified Office Action it is noted that an acknowledgment is made that Applicant's Amendment of August 2003 overcame the rejections of the previous Office Action (dated April 10, 2003), and that the amended drawing which accompanied that August Amendment was accepted.

However, a clerical error apparently occurred in the PTO because paragraphs 1-18 of the November 7, 2003, Office Action constitute a *verbatim* copy of paragraphs 1-18 of the April 10, 2003, Office Action which was said to be successfully rebutted.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of the claims set forth in the August 2003 Amendment, or an Office Action directed thereto.

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